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The application of:

Mark J. KITTOCK, et al.

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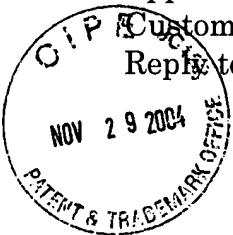
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.**

**An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this paper.**